

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fabian, LaMarr Franklin, Lynn Gauger, Cornelia Gordon-Hempe, Muriel Harper, Virginia Heinemann, Colleen James, Sue Kell, Douglas Knight, Anita Kropf, Susan Putra, Anne Marie Rathburn, Linda Schwallie

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sue Kell

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick D. Braatz, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: Erica Evans, John Evans, Marc Herstand, NASW, Jeff Percy, Wisconsin Certification Board

CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaMarr Franklin called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -The final adoption of rules relating to state jurisprudence exam will not be undertaken today.

MOTION: Cornelia Gordon-Hempe moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2001

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2001 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA

Secretary Herrera was meeting with Governor Scott McCallum today and was not available to meet the Board. Secretary Herrera will meet the Board at their next meeting.

JEFF PEARCEY - WISCONSIN CERTIFICATION BOARD

Jeff Percy, Wisconsin Certification Board, spoke to the Board regarding certification of AODA counselors. There was some concern on the part of the Board members that AODA counselors are practicing psychotherapy and other therapies that may be outside of their scope of practice.

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to suggest to Secretary Herrera to set up an advisory committee to deal with the issues of shared practice, commonalities and differences. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL ADOPTION OF RULES RELATING TO STATE JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION

The copy of the rules that was sent to the Legislature is not the most current version approved by the Board.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Cornelia Gordon-Hempe, to not adopt this rule and to authorize legal counsel to draft a scope statement to re-start the process of the rule change relating to the state jurisprudence examination. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO *ETHERAPY.COM*

This item was on the agenda in error.

REVIEW OF INQUIRES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

John Schweitzer updated the Board on evidentiary privilege. The privilege exists in both state and federal law.

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION

Cornelia Gordon-Hempe reported the Social Workers' Section is dealing with SWTC syllabi, trying to provide some cohesion between, and parameters on, these programs. The SW Section has also been working on developing a definition of "clinical social work." The Section does not pre-approve CE courses and suggests practitioners make sure the course is ASWB approved or offered by NASW or another nationally recognized social work organization. It is suggested that organizations offering CE courses seek approval from ASWB.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION

Colleen James reported that the Professional Counselors' Section is working on getting their rules approved.

REPORT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION

Lynn Gauger reported the MFT Section met earlier today. The Section discussed its concerns about the current requirements for AODA certification and AODA counselors practicing psychotherapy. Teletherapy/*e*Therapy was also discussed. The Section wants to be kept abreast of developments from other states regarding how they are handling this issue.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to communicate to Secretary Herrera the possible need to set up a task force to look into

teletherapy issues, *etherapy* and distance learning. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Gauger requested that *e*Therapy issues be on the agenda for all Joint Board meetings.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Marc Herstand, NASW, said the organization has a new website at <http://www.naswwi.org>. Information regarding certification requirements and continuing education can be found at their website. NASW is also concerned with the lack of minimum educational standards for AODA counselors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

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